COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, *the* *12th of October 1928.*
27th of Kanni 1104.

The House met at Half-past Eleven of the Clock with the Diwan-President in the Chair. Dr. A. G. Menon, Messrs. E. Ikkanda Wariar, Rao Bahadur John Kuriyan, S. S. Koder, C. A. Kunjunni Raja, K. T. Mathew and Ouseph P. Kundukulam were absent.

Questions and Answers.

List of Commission orders issued by the Civil Courts.

41. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a list in the following tabular form of the commission orders issued by the Civil Courts of the State for the last three years ?

Name and designation of the Officer	Total No. of commission orders issued by each	Caste-war analysis of the persons to whom the orders were issued	Orders for the examination of witnesses to be shown separately

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Statements furnishing the information collected together with a copy of the Anjikaimal District Judge's letter are placed on the Council Table.

Loans to Syndicate or Company.

42. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to lend any amount to any company or syndicate in which Doctor Verghese, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, is a Director; if so, how much and what is the nature of the security offered and whether the connected valuation statement be placed on the Table ?

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Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—A sum of Rs. 25,000 has been lent in Karkadagam 1103 to the Cochin Electric Co., Ltd., in which Dr. V. Verghese is one of the Directors, on the security of the lands, buildings and machineries possessed by the Company.

The connected valuation statement is placed on the Council Table.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has the Government any share in this Company ?

President.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Any share in the management or any control over it ?

President.—No, no.

Government Officers acting as Directors of Limited Companies.

43. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state the reason why Government officers are not allowed to be Directors or promoters of limited companies ;

(b) the names of Heads of Departments, who are Directors or promoters of limited companies in Cochin or Travancore with the names of such companies ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Because the whole time of a Government servant is held to be paid for by the State and because such participation may prejudicially affect the discharge of their legitimate duties (vide article 38 C. S. R. & S. O. No.57)

(b).

Names of Heads of Departments	*Names of Companies.*
Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon, Chief Engineer	Cochin Electric Co., Ltd., and the Cochin Tanneries, Ltd., Cochin.
,, K. Krishna Pisharodi, Comptroller of Accounts	The Cochin Tanneries Ltd., Cochin
,, C. Matthai, Director of Public Instruction	Do.
Dr. V. Verghese, Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer	The Tropical Plantations, Ltd., Travancore, and the Cochin Electric Co., Ltd

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon and Dr. V. Verghese are Directors of the Cochin Electric Company. May I know how they are allowed to be Directors of this company?

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